



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County
Minutes of the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation**

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

1:00 PM

**Cook County Building, Board Room
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson (1)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chairman Silvestri asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code.

1. George Blakemore - Concerned Citizen

[19-6281](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 9/25/2019

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to approve 19-6281. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson (1)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to convene executive session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson (1)

The Committee met in Executive Session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to reconvene regular session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson (1)

[19-6275](#)

REPORT

Department: Cook County Sheriff's Office

Report Title: Cook County Sheriff's Office Litigation Review Presentation

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 19-6275. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson (1)

[19-6201](#)

CASE DISPOSITION SUMMARY REPORT

Civil Rights Section - September 26, 2019 - October 15, 2019

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 19-6201. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson (1)

[19-6171](#)

SPECIAL STATE'S ATTORNEY'S INVOICES FOR APPROVAL

Conflict Cases Special State's Attorneys Invoices for Approval

Brown v. Cook County, et al.

Case No. 17 C 8085

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Michael W. Condon and the firm
of Hervas, Condon & Bersani, P.C.

Tab Item No. 1

Brown v. Dart, et al., 18 L 12632

Reyes v. Dart, et al., 18 L 12511

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Justin L. Leinenweber and
the firm of Leinenweber, Baroni & Daffada, LLC.

Tab Item No. 2

Tate v. Dart, et al.

Case No. 18 CH 2749

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Justin L. Leinenweber and
the firm of Leinenweber, Baroni & Daffada, LLC.

Tab Item No. 3

Flaherty v. Dart, et al.

Case No. 19 L 215

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Justin L. Leinenweber and
the firm of Leinenweber, Baroni & Daffada, LLC.

Tab Item No. 4

Consolino v. Dart, et al.

Case No. 17 C 9011

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Justin L. Leinenweber and
the firm of Leinenweber, Baroni & Daffada, LLC.

Tab Item No. 5

Brown, et al. v. Cook County, et al., 17 C 8085

Howard, et al. v. Cook County, et al., 17 C 8146

Diana Caloca v. Cook County , et al., 17 C 9056

Madeline Ramos Cook County, et al., 18 C 00274

Falguni Dave v. Cook County, et al., 18 C 2949

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Christina M. Egan and
the firm of McGuire Woods, LLP.

Tab Item No. 6

DeLeon-Reyes v. Rey Guevara, et al.

Case No. 18 C 1028

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Elizabeth A. Ekl and
the firm of Reiter Burns, LLP.

Tab Item No. 7

Armando Serrano v. City of Chicago, et al. and

Jose Montanez v. City of Chicago, et al.

Case No. 17 C 2869 and 17 C 4560

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Paula S. Quist and the
firm of Jones Day.

Tab Item No. 8

Garduno v. City of Chicago, et al.

Case No. 18 L 6752

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Richard Gleason and
the firm of O'Mara Gleason O'Callaghan, LLC

Tab Item No. 9

Illinois v. Grambling

Case No. 18-003100

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Richard Gleason and
the firm of O'Mara Gleason O'Callaghan, LLC

Tab Item No. 10

Illinois v. Weston

Case No. 90 CR 16376 & 91 CR 640

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for

Special State's Attorney Richard Gleason and
the firm of O'Mara Gleason O'Callaghan, LLC

Tab Item No. 11

*Administration of the Electronic Monitoring Program, and
Taphia Williams v. Cook County, et al.*

Case No. 18 C 1456

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Richard Gleason and
the firm of O'Mara Gleason O'Callaghan, LLC

Tab Item No. 12

Deisy James, et al. v. Cook County, et al.

Case No. 17 C 8291

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Troy S. Radunsky and
the firm of DeVore Radunsky, LLC

Tab Item No. 13

Percy, Taylor v. Sheriff Dart, et al.

Case No. 13 C 1856, 15 C 5919

Case No. 14 L 6617

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney James M. Lydon and the firm
of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP.

Tab Item No. 14

Stephanie Zugschwert v. Cook County Sheriff's Office, et al.

Case No. 17 L 10368

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney James M. Lydon and
the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP.

Tab Item No. 15

Lanahan v. Blanchard, et al.

Case No: 16 C 11723

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Brette Bensing and the
firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP.

Tab Item No. 16

A.F. Moore v. Joseph Berrios, et al.

Case No. 18 C 4888

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Steven M. Puiszis and
the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP.

Tab Item No. 17

River Oaks Center, LLC, et al. v. Maria Pappas

Case No: 2016 COTO 2835

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Steven M. Puiszis and
the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP.

Tab Item No. 18

Hartison v. Sheriff of Cook County

Case No. 18 L 3398

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm
of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item No. 19

Zaborowski, et al. v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al.

Case No. 08 C 6946

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm
of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item No. 20

Percy Taylor v. Sheriff Dart, et al.

Case No. 13 C 1856, 13 C 6512, 15 C 5919

Case No. 16 CH 4127

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm
of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item No. 21

Sorrentino-Berger v. Murphy, et al.

Case No: 18 L 1927

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the

firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item No. 22

Reyes v. Sgt. Hiessen, et al.

Case No: 18 C 330

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the
firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item No. 23

Lukasik, et al. v. Thomas Nortman, et al., 18 L 10893

Loveless v. Thomas Nortman, et al., 18 L 13585

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm
of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item No. 24

Strickland v. Dart, et al.

Case No: 19 C 2621

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the
firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC

Tab Item No. 25

Johnson v. Brown, et al., 17 C 6249

Johnson v. Taylor, et al., 18 C 5263

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the
firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item No. 26

Melongo v. Podlasek, et al.

Case No: 13 C 4924

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the
firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item No. 27

Castro, et al. v. Dart, et al.

Case No: 19 C 0471

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the

firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item No. 28

5. Non-Conflict Cases Special State's Attorneys Invoices for Approval

Godfrey v. Shrestha, et al.

Case No: 15 C 11284

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for

Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the

firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item No. 29

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 19-6171. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson (1)

[19-6205](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: *Polletta v. Thomas Dart, et al.*

Case Number: 16 C 9492

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-6205. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson (1)

[19-6209](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: *Tyshawn Carter v. Thomas Dart, et al.*

Case Number: 17 L 8904

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-6209. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson (1)

[19-6213](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: *Armstrong v. Cook County, et al.*

Case Number: 16 C 9215

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-6213. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson (1)

[19-6214](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: *Mariya Domina (Est. Sergiy Prodanchuk) v. Cook County*

Case Number: 17 L 9227

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-6214. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson (1)

[19-6218](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: *Taretha Watson (Estate of Sheila Griffin) v. Cook County*

Case Number: 16 L 5507

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 19-6218. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson (1)

[19-6222](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: Juan Mercado (Est. Gizzell Ford) and Sandra Mercado v. Norell Rosado, M.D.

Case Number: 14 L 7337 and 18-1845

A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to receive and file 19-6222. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Britton, Degnen and Morrison (4)

Present: Lowry and Suffredin (2)

Absent: Johnson (1)

Commissioners Lowry and Suffredin recused themselves from 19-6222 and did not view any of the related materials.

[19-6226](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: Report on Outside Counsel Invoices

Case Number: N/A

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to receive and file 19-6226. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson (1)

[19-6230](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: Appointment of Outside Counsel

Case Number: N/A

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to receive and file 19-6230. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson (1)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson (1)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

A complete record of this meeting is available at <https://cook-county.legistar.com>.